

Havertown, PA – The most prestigious rank that a Boy Scout can earn is that of Eagle Scout. On Sunday May 31, at the Annunciation BVM Church in Havertown, that honor was awarded to Michael Green, Timothy Green and Douglas Shannon of Troop 463 at a traditional Eagle Court of Honor, all of whom were presented citations by Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07). In the course of those proceedings, there were many testaments to Eagle Scouts' strength of character, leadership and intelligence by his Scout leaders and fellow Scouts. However, the most important part of the ceremony occurred when the new 'Eagles' thanked their families for their love and support throughout the long climb to that challenging rank. The Congressman recognized each of the scout's projects: Tim Green's handicap accessible bridge built at the Living Memorial Gardens, Delco Chapter; Mike Green's newly refurbished storage shed at the Living Memorial Gardens; and Doug Shannon's repainting of the Annunciation Church's parish hall.

"As someone who wore the cloth of this nation for 31 years in the Navy, I have a deep appreciation for those who truly understand what it means to serve their country," added Congressman Sestak. "I thank these young men for their past and future service to our community and to our country."

Reaching the rank of Eagle Scout has always carried a special significance. Young men who reach that level typically go on to success in higher education and purposeful careers in business, industry, community service and science. The award is a performance-based achievement with standards that have been well-maintained over the years. Only about five percent of all boys who join Boy Scout troops earn the Eagle Scout rank. Approximately 1.7 million Boy Scouts have earned the rank since 1912.

*Former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, and was Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships, with more than 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft, that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He previously served in the White House as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy. According to the office of the House Historian, he is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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